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AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVE

The following airworthiness directive (AD) may be applicable to an aircraft which our records indicate is registered in your name. ADs are issued pursuant to Canadian Aviation Regulation (CAR) 593. Pursuant to CAR 605.84 and the further details of CAR Standard 625, Appendix H, the continuing airworthiness of a Canadian registered aircraft is contingent upon compliance with all applicable ADs. Failure to comply with the requirements of an AD may invalidate the flight authorization of the aircraft. Alternative means of compliance shall be applied for in accordance with CAR 605.84 and the above- referenced Standard.

This AD has been issued by the Continuing Airworthiness Division (AARDG), Aircraft Certification Branch, Transport Canada, Ottawa, telephone (613) 952-4357.

CF-96-06 BELL

Applies to Canadian registered Bell Helicopter Textron Inc. (Bell) Model 204B, 205A-1 and 212 helicopters equipped with emergency escape panels located in cargo doors of the main cabin.

Compliance is required within the next 100 hours time-in-service after the effective date of this directive, unless already accomplished.

The Transportation Safety Board of Canada (TSB) investigation into a fatal Bell 212 crash has revealed that the emergency escape markings on the panels are inadequate and confusing to unconverted passengers.

To ensure that the markings of the emergency exit are not confusing, that the instructions for operating the release handle are easy to follow, and to allow the extraction of the protective cover with a gloved hand, accomplish the following:

1. Install two conspicuous red arrows on each main cabin emergency escape panel as per the accompanying Figure 1. The shape and size of the arrows is specified in Figure 2. The arrows may be bright chrome yellow if the background colour is such that red would be inconspicuous.

Note: Installation of the arrows can be achieved by painting, application of decals or other means convenient to the operator. The required arrow is reproduced actual size in Figure 2 to facilitate fabrication of a stencil or decal.

2. Enlarge the finger hole in each plastic cover to 1.25 inch diameter.
3. The presence of installed arrows shall be reflected in pre-flight passenger briefings carried out according to Air Carrier Advisory Circular No. 0077, dated 14 November 1994.
4. Yearly, to complement the periodic inspections of Airworthiness Directive CF-91-27, inspect the emergency exit marking arrows for wear, and replace them if required.

Alternative means of compliance with the requirements of this directive may be used only if approved by the Director, Airworthiness Branch, Transport Canada, Ottawa. Any application should be made to the appropriate regional office.

This directive becomes effective 19 April 1996.





Figure 1. Approximate Installation of Arrows

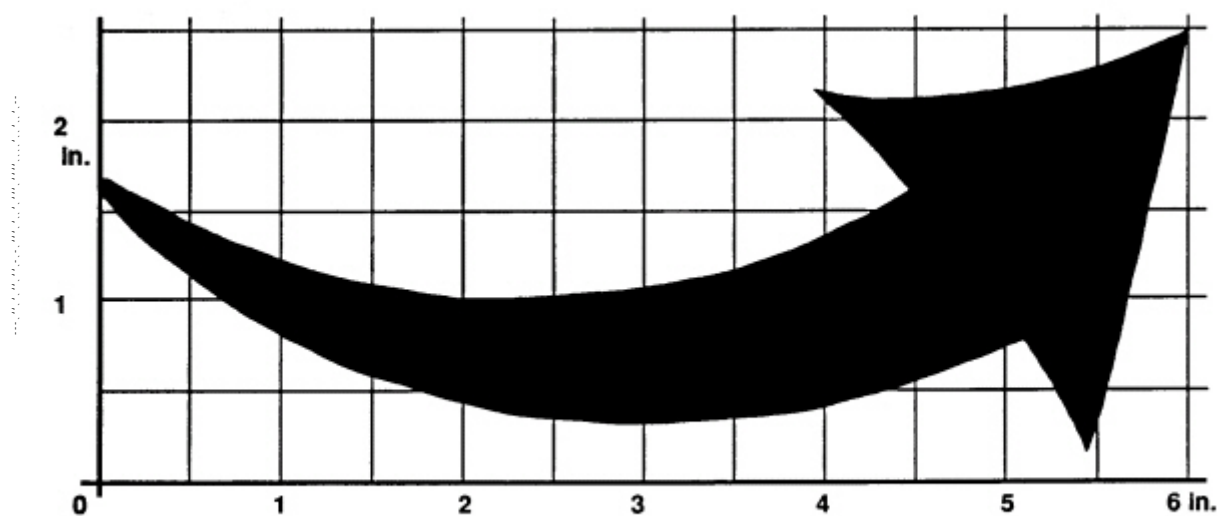


Figure 2. Design of Arrows (reproduced actual size)

Pursuant to CAR 202.51 the registered owner of a Canadian aircraft shall, within seven days, notify the Minister in writing of any change of his or her name or address. To request a change of address, contact the Civil Aviation Communications Centre (AARC) at Place de Ville, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0N8, or 1-800-305-2059, or <http://www.tc.gc.ca/civilaviation/communications/centre/address.asp>.

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